

# FLYING EAGLES

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## HAPPENINGS

- Summer Encampment 2004  
June 19th—25th.
- The show at the Etowah Bend airport... June 12th

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**We all make mistakes; hopefully none that will be detrimental to us permanently.**

It is the middle of the summer and our squadron attendance is way down for both cadets and senior members.

I know that there are vacations to go on, and other things to do; but, **I want you all to try to make the meetings if at all possible.**

We still have training to accomplish and levels of testing to complete, and we need everybody to participate.

I hope nobody has decided to wait until school starts to attend; if so, you will miss some good meetings and a couple of interesting guest speakers.

## Commander's Corner

**With Captain Tom Calvanelli**

We have had a couple of our cadets make some poor decisions in the past month, but they realized their mistakes, admitted them, and took their "medicine" like mature people.

I was very disappointed by their actions, not only because it surprised me they would do such things, but also, because it reflects poorly on the entire squadron of cadets and seniors.

We will all make mistakes; hopefully, none that will be detrimental to us permanently. What we need to do is to learn from them and become better human beings because of them.

I am comforted by the fact that I think our cadets have learned from their mistakes and, in fact, are now better squadron mates



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**Tales From A Life Traveler**  
**by Dr. Ilana Mor, Moral Leadership Officer**



*Strength of the Nation*  
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The Eagle soars freely  
through the skies  
as a symbol of  
strength, beauty, and freedom.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
AMERICA**  
1776 to 2004...228 years of freedom.

May your flag wave forever free  
and the eagle soar  
as the champion of the skies.

Freedom is our birthright,  
but it comes at a price  
and with responsibility.

**This month, on July 4th, there were celebrations all over the nation in commemoration of the day that the United States won its independence. As I sat on a bench enjoying the fireworks, I wondered how many really understand the meaning of the celebration.**

On Memorial Day, celebrated a month before the 4th of July, we give thanks to those who laid down their lives so that this nation can remain free. We remember our veterans and appreciate their sacrifices....and then we go on with our lives. By the time the 4th of July rolls around, there is rarely a connection made with sacrifice. The main thought usually revolves around BBQs, fireworks, and a long holiday from work.

As I watched the children dancing and shouting in glee as the cannon boomed and the bright lights filled the sky, I realized that so many don't realize the sacrifices made by *soldiers of war* which allow *citizens of peace* to enjoy their freedom

When I lived abroad, Memorial Day and Independence Day were celebrated back-to-back. One day you were standing with bowed head in remembrance of fallen family and friends, and the next you were gleefully celebrating your freedom. It was impossible to think about freedom without realizing the sacrifices made for it.

From the beginning of mankind, there has been conflict and strife. One nation has risen up against another, and people have been enslaved under the cruel whims of *dictators*. To live in a democracy is a privilege and one should never forget the sacrifices made for that freedom.

**To be free...to be able to live your life to its fullest...to be able to strive for and reach your innate potential...to appreciate the sacrifices made by those who have defended this nation to ensure its safety...to protect that freedom in order to pass it on to the next generation.**

## The Battle of the Bully

By Dr. Ilana Mor

It is in the nature of man to ignore one yellow jacket sting...but when the whole hive swarms and attacks....the danger can no longer be ignored.

The 9/11 tragedy was a great victory for the terrorists...but it was also a wake-up call for the victims. There were too many deaths...too much destruction...too much notoriety.

It's an ageless battle...the battle of the bully. The bully pushes and pushes, causing fear and retreat; however, it is usually due to lack of choice that a victim responds. The victim must act or be obliterated.

The United States is now dealing with a hive of vicious yellow jackets...a hive that has been stirred up and will not stop the attack until it is destroyed.

For so long the media has brought us pictures of death and destruction. How easy it is to forget that in the midst of the battle are real people who miss home and are ambassadors of good will. These photos, sent to me by a friend, will probably never be in the news.



**You pray for world peace  
but do not understand...**

First you must achieve peace in your communities,  
in your neighborhoods,  
in your families,  
and in your homes.

**There is something that you can do!**

**Reach out and touch someone...  
one person at a time...**



# National Aerospace Education Officer Training Course

By Captain Gayle Blake



**Captain Blake attends  
National Aerospace Education  
Officer Training Course  
at Pensacola Naval Air Station  
during the month of June.**



It was the first national CAP activity that Captain Blake had attended and she enjoyed it very much. Approximately 25 CAP Aerospace Education Officers stayed on the base and attended the workshop. One of the highlights of the class was a field trip to the Museum of Naval Aviation.

Captain Blake reports:

*"The workshop was very informative and we all had a good time. I learned about many opportunities that our squadron has available to us that we can begin to take advantage of. My son Alex and I particularly enjoyed staying in the BOQ and enjoying many of the activities that the base had to offer."*

As a result of the class, the Bartow—Etowah Squadron has applied for a grant from National Headquarters for an aerospace field trip to Pensacola combined with a side trip to the Tuskegee Airfield in Alabama, and CAP National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, AL.

The national AE School is a yearly event, and Captain Blake is hoping to participate again next year.

Captain Blake has successfully filled many positions  
at the Bartow-Etowah Squadron.

Currently, she is the Officer in charge of  
Professional Development and Senior Programs.



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## The Flight Sgt.

By: Jonathon Posada



### ATTENTION!

I find myself saying this very often. I also find myself giving orders and answering questions. To give an order just because you can, isn't right. Most of the time when you are able to give orders, it that means you are in a leadership position.

I am a flight Sgt. at the Bartow-Etowah Composite Squadron and that puts me in a leadership position. A leader leads and follows. I not only listen to my commanding officers, I listen to my cadets.

Cadet Col. Lutz once said *My cadets are my children* and I believe that she is right.. I watch out for my cadets. I must know their needs, so in a way they are my children.

In my squadron, we have short sessions with every cadet with a senior member present. In these sessions we talk about the cadet's accomplishments and their goals.

These sessions give me a chance to get to know each cadet better and to see what he or she needs.

**The better you know the cadets, the better it is.**

### Advice for future Flight Sgts. NEVER GET POWER HUNGRY!

Yes, being in charge is fun, but it is also a big responsibility. Always pay attention to your cadets, they are like your children.

Finally, **do your job.** You know what has to be done...so do it.

At ease.....



# FROM THE SUPPLY ROOM

## Military Dog Tag History

The military dog tags we know had their origins during WWI (1914-1918). Before that soldiers used various ad hoc methods of tagging themselves for purposes of identification in the event of death on the battle field. **The concept of “identification tags” dates back to the Civil War** (1861-1865) where names were written on paper tags and pinned to clothing, dog tags were made out of wood with carved holes at the end so they could be worn around the neck on a string, and coins were smoothed over for engraving name and unit number.

The first introduction of a metal "identity disc" took place in 1906 and by 1913 the Army made ID tags mandatory. In 1916 a second tag was added, and by 1917 all combat troops had aluminum id tags hanging from their necks on either a rope or chain. The information on these tags was hand stamped with tool and die. Next came an oblong shape tag with more uniform printing known as the Navy/Marine style tag. The materials used to make this tag included brass and a "Monel" metal which provided more corrosion resistance.

The more familiar rounded-end rectangular stainless steel tags known as the M1940 were introduced by the Army in 1940 during the Second World War (1939-1945). These Army dog tags were embossed with letters and numbers using either manual or electric embossing machines resembling industrial size typewriters. By 1943 the Army was distributing sets of tags including one long chain, one short chain and two stainless steel tags. The chains had flat links...the beaded chain came later.

The purpose of the short chain was to keep the tags separated to prevent them from making noise in the field. In addition, the small chain could be separated from the long chain for purposes of body identification. It was typically placed on the foot and left exposed while the body remained covered.

Prior to 1959 the Navy and Marine Corps used a circular metal tag with similar stamping information to the Army dog tag. By 1959 all branches of the U.S. armed forces were using the familiar stainless steel rectangular shaped dog tag which are still being used today. **Even though there are slight variations in the format among the branches of the armed forces the content of the embossed information remains the same: Last and first name, social security number, branch of service, initials for both blood type and religious affiliation.**

During the Vietnam War (1963-1975) subdued black dog tags were issued to Special Operation Forces operating behind enemy lines. It was also during this time that the WWII white hard plastic or rubber silencers were replaced with a softer black rubber silencer.

Today, military dog tags have entered the fashion and business promotional products arena. Dog tags are a unique way to promote a company's name, logo or message and are available in a variety of styles and configurations.

Information supplied by Laser Engraved Keychains.com

In order to have dog tags made,  
the following information  
is needed from each Cadet

Cadet's Full name  
CAP ID number  
Blood type

Please get the information  
to Major Geiger  
ASAP

AS YOU WERE...  
CARRY ON...  
I`LL BE IN THE AREA.

MAJ. GEIGER



# SQUADRON ACTIVITIES



## 2004 GAWG Summer Encampment By c/ 2Lt Calvanelli



On the 19<sup>th</sup> after the cadets were dropped off by their parents, the cadets were in-processed, and for most of them, it also meant a new haircut. Afterwards, they got settled in with their hospital corner bed sheets and neat lockers.

Lunch each day was a military issue MRE (Meal Ready-to-Eat). Other meals were in the dining hall and were silent and quick. Functioning on a few hours of sleep each night, they woke up at 5:00 every morning and had physical training to start their day. There were periodical inspections of their uniforms and barracks, so everything had to be kept spotless.

During the week, they had interesting classes on selfless-service, how to get into one of our service academies, true heroes, Air Force Fundamentals and a few others. They also had basic cadet training in uniforms, drill and ceremony,

One of the activities cadets really liked were the Live Fire Familiarization with M16 and the M249. Other firearms that were demonstrated for them were the M1 Garand, MP40, M5, Stihl gun, BAR and others.

Our cadets also had classes in airborne training (Parachute Landing Fall), they flew in Blackhawk Helicopters to the top of Hawk Mountain, basic combat training, and rappelling. All training was done voluntarily by the Rangers.

Out-processing and graduation was on the 25<sup>th</sup> and everyone went their own ways once again.

**This year's encampment  
was awesome!**

**June 19-25** Cadet Summer Encampment  
**The Live Fire Familiarization with M16 and the M249  
was one of the activities cadets really liked.**



# Georgia Flying Club Annual Fly-In

By Mike Fouts  
Flight Operations Officer

**The Georgia Flying Club Sport Flyers has an annual fly-in which seems to get larger and better each year.** For the last two years, the Boy Scouts has done a great job of helping out, and the Flying Club greatly appreciates all they have done. However, considering that I am a member of both the Flying Club and CAP, I thought that it would be a wonderful experience for the Cadets to help out, rather than the Boy Scouts. Even though it was summer vacation, we had more than enough Cadets. It was a lot of fun for all.

Once they learned the procedures, the Cadets did a great job. The cadets directed the parking of approximately 75 incoming aircraft and 100 automobiles. After performing their duties, we would rotate the Cadets approximately every 30 minutes so they could walk around and check out the displays.

The Bartow-Etowah Squadron Color Guard, led by Cadet Raybon, started the show off officially when they presented the colors during the national anthem. Everyone commented on how professional they looked. The Cadets practiced for several days in preparation for the event and it showed. The Club President took some pictures to send in to the USUA, the *watch dogs* for the Ultralight industry. Hopefully, we will get some recognition.

Unfortunately, we had a *Missing Man Formation* that crossed over the color guard mid-field. We lost one of our Flying Club members in an accident a week before I understand that the family was moved and thankful for the honor.

As a reward for all their hard work, each cadet had the opportunity to ride in one of 4 planes. Some of the cadets went up more than once.

This is the part I enjoy most. When I was 6 years old, I got to fly in a Bell 47 Helicopter. For the past 35 years, I haven't stopped looking up at the sky.



## UPCOMING SQUADRON EVENTS

You can go to the National Website at [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov)  
and look up CAP Regulation 52-16 Cadet Program Management  
to get an idea of what is going on.



## TIDBITS

### LAST MONTH'S SQUADRON ACTIVITIES

**June 12**  
**June 19-25**

Work Air Show at the Etowah Bend airport  
Cadet Summer Encampment

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